

In the Claims

Claims 1-71 (Cancelled)

Claim 72 (new): An isolated polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

- a) SEQ ID NO:34; and
- b) a fusion protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 34.

Claim 73 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 72, wherein said polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO: 34.

Claim 74 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 72, wherein said polypeptide comprises a fusion protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 34 and a heterologous sequence.

Claim 75 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 74, wherein said fusion protein comprises SEQ ID NO: 34 and said heterologous sequence comprises an extracellular domain of a membrane-bound protein, an immunoglobulin constant region, a multimerization domain, a signal sequence or a histidine tag.

Claim 76 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 75, wherein said heterologous sequence comprises an extracellular domain of a membrane-bound protein.

Claim 77 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 75, wherein said heterologous sequence comprises an immunoglobulin constant region.

Claim 78 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 75, wherein said heterologous sequence comprises a multimerization domain.

Claim 79 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 75, wherein said heterologous sequence comprises a signal sequence.

Claim 80 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 75, wherein said heterologous sequence comprises a histidine tag.

Claim 81 (new): A composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

- a) SEQ ID NO:34; and
- b) a fusion protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 34.

Claim 82 (new). The composition according to claim 81, wherein said polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO: 34.

Claim 83 (new). The composition according to claim 81, wherein said polypeptide comprises a fusion protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 34 and a heterologous sequence.

Claim 84 (new). The composition according to claim 81, wherein said fusion protein comprises SEQ ID NO: 34 and said heterologous sequence comprises an extracellular domain of a membrane-bound protein, an immunoglobulin constant region, a multimerization domain, a signal sequence or a histidine tag.

Claim 85 (new). The composition according to claim 84, wherein said heterologous sequence comprises an extracellular domain of a membrane-bound protein.

Claim 86 (new). The composition according to claim 84, wherein said heterologous sequence comprises an immunoglobulin constant region.

Claim 87 (new). The composition according to claim 84, wherein said heterologous sequence comprises a multimerization domain.

Claim 88 (new). The composition according to claim 84, wherein said heterologous sequence comprises a signal sequence.

Claim 89 (new). The composition according to claim 84, wherein said heterologous sequence comprises a histidine tag.